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--Reasonably Describe Records--

Description: All correspondence and e-mails between DOE officials in the Secretary of Energy's office, the Deputy Secretary of Energy's office, the office of Health, Safety and Security, the Office of Environmental Management and the Office of River Protection, and between Bechtel National and Bechtel Inc. concerning Bechtel's proposal to forgo its award fee for the period of the second half of 2012 for its work at the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant.

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government activity---the Department's oversight of a contractor performing one of the Department's largest projects. The request concerns a matter of current exigency to the public---the requested documents are intended to help provide more insight into how DOE has managed and assessed Bechtel's performance on the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant project, a project that has experienced significant cost and schedule increases in recent years. The public has a compelling need to know how DOE is managing this project and the billions of dollars for which it costs. This project has recently been the focus of heavy national media attention, including from the New York Times, because of concerns over how technical issues are being managed and addressed. The consequences of delaying a response to this request would compromise a significant recognized interest---both in terms of the public's right to know how federal funding is being managed and whether the contractor's performance at the WTP is hindering the resolution of technical and safety issues that could threaten the safe and successful operation of the plant, as well as DOE's ability to remove liquid radioactive waste from underground tanks with a history of leaking.

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